



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE
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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities:

HB 5326 "An Act Requiring the Presence of Carbon Monoxide Detectors in All Public Schools"

This bill would mandate that all local public school buildings be installed with carbon monoxide detectors.

HB 5341 "An Act Requiring the Collection of DNA from Persons Arrested for a Serious Felony"

This bill would mandate that law enforcement personnel conduct DNA analysis on all persons arrested for serious felonies "to determine identification characteristics specific to the person."

HB 6113 "An Act Concerning the Investigation of Missing Adult Persons Reports"

Among other things, this bill would mandate new training requirements for law enforcement personnel with regard to missing adult persons cases.

These three bills are all worthy proposals however, each would impose a new unfunded state mandate that would place additional costs on already strained local budgets. Local officials do not dispute the intent of these bills – but, do oppose the costs that would be associated with these new mandates.

CCM recommends the committee either (1) make sure that the State provide adequate funding to implement these proposals, or (2) take no action on HB 5326, HB 5341, and HB 6113.

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